



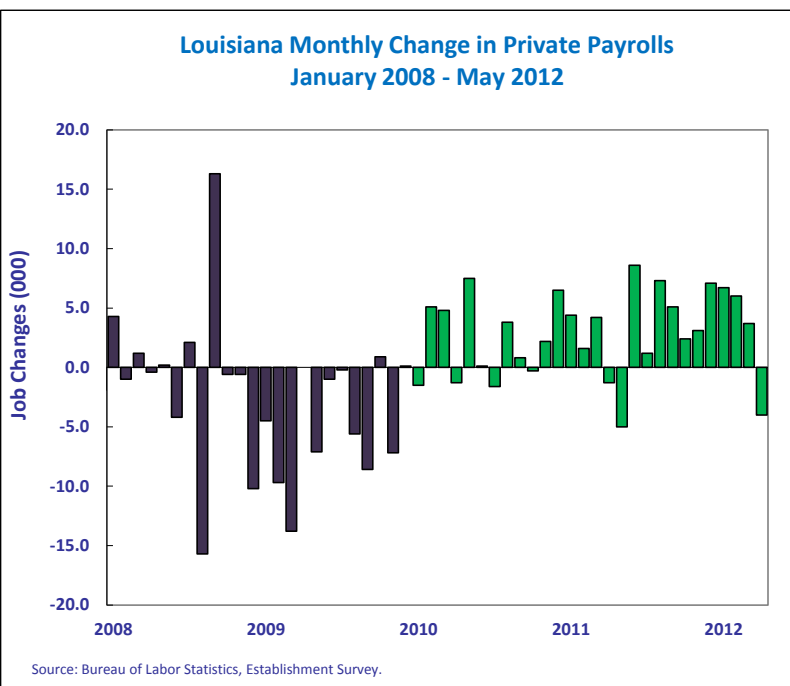
Economic Overview And Outlook: Louisiana

JOBS

- Including May, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 27 consecutive months.
- In Louisiana, private sector employment fell by 4.2 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 5.2 percent.
- In Louisiana, employees in the information services, manufacturing, and professional and business services sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Louisiana have experienced the greatest employment increases: mining; leisure and hospitality; and financial activities.*
- As the economy continues its emergence from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2010 and 2020. The largest gains over this period are expected to occur in the healthcare and social assistance, professional and business services, and retail trade sectors. Job gains in the goods-producing sector of the economy will be led by the construction and mining industries while the number of manufacturing jobs is expected to fall.

EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Louisiana was 7.2 percent in May 2012, up 3.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 7.9 percent in November 2010.
- 150,000 Louisiana residents were counted among the unemployed in Louisiana during May 2012.
- In Louisiana, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 14,952 during April, up 5.4 percent from the previous month. Since peaking at 66,686 in September 2008, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in Louisiana have declined by 77.6 percent.



EARNINGS

- Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 4.6 percent. Most recently, in the 4th quarter of 2011, total personal income is 0.9 percent above its 4th quarter of 2007 level.

- Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Louisiana was \$33,838.60 in the 4th quarter of 2011, up from \$32,505.40 in the 4th quarter of 2009.

HOUSING

- After peaking in the first quarter of 2007, national home prices declined by 16.8 percent over 17 quarters. Between the second quarter of 2011 and the first quarter of 2012, the most recent quarter, national home prices rose by 0.2 percent.
- In Louisiana, home prices fell by 3.5 percent over 9 quarters from their peak in the first quarter of 2009. Since the second quarter of 2011, home prices in Louisiana have risen by 0.5 percent.
- As of the 1st quarter of 2012, 3.5 percent of all mortgages, including 11.1 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Louisiana.
- Housing starts in Louisiana totaled 13,670 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in April 2012, an increase of 30.4 percent from March.
- Within the South census region, which includes Louisiana, sales of new single-family homes totaled 177,000 units in April 2012, a decrease of 10.6 percent from March. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 3.3 percent to 1,570,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from March to April 2012.

* For Louisiana-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Louisiana office:
http://www.laworks.net/LaborMarketInfo/LMI_MainMenu.asp

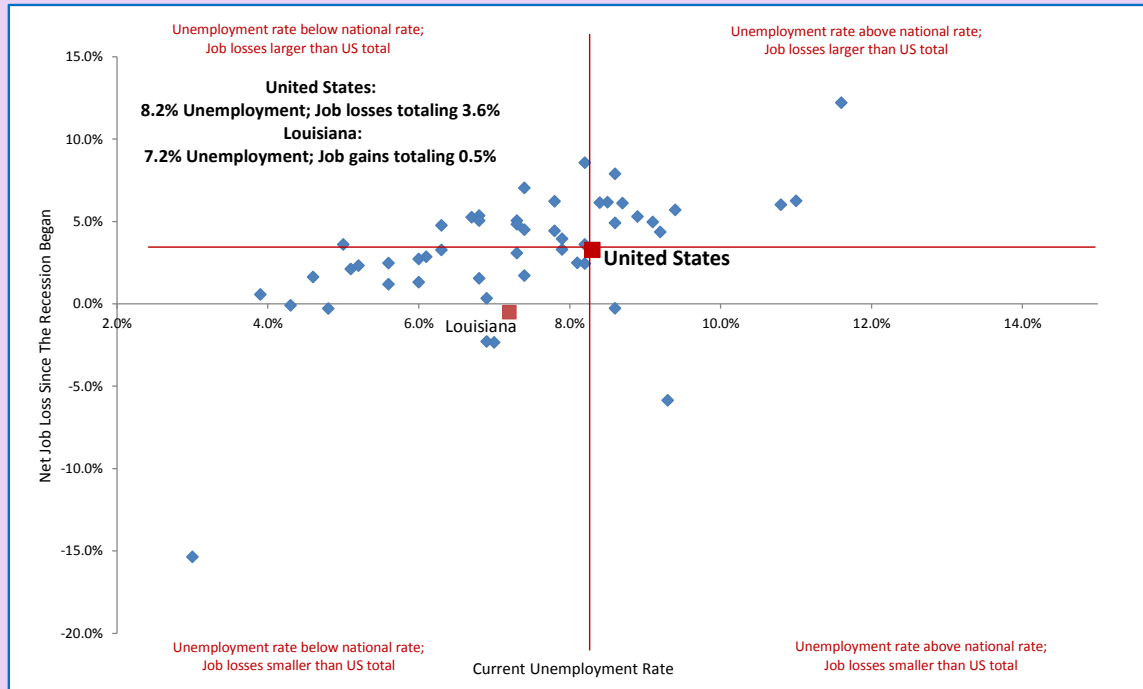
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How Does Louisiana Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Louisiana to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Louisiana since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Louisiana.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



STATE QUICK FACTS

		Louisiana	United States
Unemployment Rates	May 2009	6.8%	9.4%
	May 2010	7.3%	9.6%
	May 2011	7.4%	9.0%
	May 2012	7.2%	8.2%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2011	9.4%	9.4%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2011	4.2%	8.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2011	10.3%	12.1%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 43,443	\$ 52,823
	(2010 \$)	2010	\$ 39,443
Poverty Rate	2007	16.1%	12.5%
	2010	21.6%	15.1%
No Health Insurance	2007	18.5%	15.3%
	2010	20.0%	16.3%